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Title: **AN IMPROVED HIGH INTENSITY BLENDING TOOL WITH OPTIMIZED RISERS FOR INCREASED INTENSITY WHEN BLENDING TONERS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 13, line 21:

At least one tool in the prior art appears designed to achieve blend intensity through creation of vortices and shear forces. This tool is sold by Littleford Day Inc. for use in its blenders and appears in cross-section as tool 16 in Figure 1. As shown in perspective view in Figure 3, the Littleford tool 16 has center shank 20 with a central bushing fixture 17A for engagement with locking fixture 17 at the end of shaft 14 (both fixture 17 and shaft 14 are shown in Figure 1). Bushing fixture 17A